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HOUSE BILL NO. [BILL NUMBER]

Brucellosis management updates.

Sponsored by: Joint Agriculture, State and Public Lands &
Water Resources Interim Committee

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to agriculture, livestock and other animals;
2 changing the requirement to distinctly brand a livestock
3 animal following a positive brucellosis test to be
4 discretionary; updating the provisions for brucellosis
5 testing of cattle; modifying the documentation requirements
6 to receive compensation for brucellosis testing; requiring
7 rulemaking; and providing effective dates.

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9 *Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

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11 **Section 1.** W.S. 11-19-401 and 11-19-407(a) and (c) are
12 amended to read:

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2 **11-19-401. Tagging, branding and disposition of cattle**
3 **reacting to test; penalties for failure to comply.**

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5 All livestock animals in Wyoming reacting to a confirmatory
6 test for brucellosis (Bang's disease) ~~shall~~may be
7 immediately permanently branded with a hot iron letter "B" on
8 the left tailhead by or in the presence of an officially
9 authorized veterinarian. All such reactor livestock animals
10 shall be disposed of for slaughter or diagnostic purposes
11 only, upon and according to written instruction from the
12 Wyoming livestock board. Any person who violates any
13 provision of this section shall be punished as provided in
14 W.S. 11-1-103. As used in this section, "confirmatory test"
15 means a test for brucellosis that has the specificity and
16 sensitivity to verify the presence or absence of brucella
17 abortus in animal serum or tissues and is used to confirm
18 results from an initial brucellosis test.

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20 **11-19-407. Brucellosis testing program.**

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22 (a) The livestock board shall develop a brucellosis
23 surveillance program in any designated surveillance area as

1 defined by the livestock board and any temporary surveillance
2 area ~~of concern~~ designated by the board and approved by the
3 governor as an area where risk of exposure to documented
4 infected wildlife is of concern. The program may be conducted
5 with the help of veterinary practitioners and livestock
6 auction markets. This program shall provide for the testing
7 of livestock for brucellosis, for spaying heifers and for
8 adult vaccinations only to the extent that may be reasonably
9 necessary to maintain or to regain the brucellosis-free
10 status of the state of Wyoming. Compensation under this
11 program for all purposes except mandatory testing or testing
12 within ~~an~~ a temporary surveillance area ~~of concern~~ as
13 designated by the board and approved by the governor shall be
14 pursuant to the terms of a ~~livestock herd plan~~ brucellosis
15 mitigation plan that has been entered into between the
16 livestock producer and the Wyoming state veterinarian.

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18 (c) Payments under subsection (b) of this section shall
19 be made monthly directly to accredited veterinarians who
20 perform brucellosis testing, spaying, adult vaccinating and
21 surveillance planning or to livestock auction markets that
22 use their facilities and veterinarians to conduct brucellosis
23 testing, spaying or adult vaccinating as mandated by rule of

1 the Wyoming livestock board or the United States department
2 of agriculture animal and plant ~~and~~ health inspection
3 service. The payment shall be made upon receipt by ~~submission~~
4 ~~to~~ the Wyoming livestock board of ~~a notarized invoice~~
5 ~~indicating the number of head tested, spayed or adult~~
6 ~~vaccinated, the ownership of the animals tested, spayed or~~
7 ~~adult vaccinated and the testing, spaying or adult~~
8 ~~vaccinating location~~ documentation in the format and manner
9 specified by board rule.

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11 **Section 2.** The Wyoming livestock board shall promulgate
12 all rules necessary to implement the provisions of this act
13 no later than July 1, 2023.

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15 **Section 3.**

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17 (a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section,
18 this act is effective July 1, 2023.

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20 (b) Sections 2 and 3 of this act are effective
21 immediately upon completion of all acts necessary for a bill
22 to become law as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the
23 Wyoming Constitution.

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